



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**Lower Cook Inlet Finfish
 Seward, December 10-13, 2019**

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=12-10-2019&meeting=seward>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair
 Märít Carlson-Van Dort, Vice-Chair
 Gerad Godfrey
 Israel Payton

Fritz Johnson
 John Jensen
 John Wood

C = Carried, C/A = Carried as amended, F = Failed, N/A = No action

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info*
GROUP 1: SPORT FISHING REGULATORY ALIGNMENT, SEWARD YOUTH FISHERY, WATERS, SEASONS, LIMITS, DEFINITIONS, GUIDE SERVICES, EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (16 proposals)			
<i>Regulatory Alignment (2 proposals)</i>			
C (7-0)	1	Redefine the management plan to include all waters north of Bluff Point.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:10:31 AM</i>
C/A (7-0)	2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing. (Amended 5 AAC 56.122(a)(10)(i) and (ii) as provided in RC20 .)	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:13:10 AM</i>
<i>Seward Youth Fishery (3 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery to one fish.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:17:22 AM</i>



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F (0-7)	4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:21:28 AM</i>
C/A (7-0)	5	Extend the dates of the Seward youth king and coho salmon fisheries (<i>Proposal 5 was initially tabled pending substitute language. It later was substituted with language found in RC48</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:26:51 AM</i> <i>Meeting 12-12-19: 2:11:29 PM</i>
<i>Waters, Seasons, Limits, and Methods and Means (8 proposals)</i>			
C/A (4-3)	6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (<i>Substituted with language found in RC44</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 11:36:01 AM</i>
C (7-0)	7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:34:10 PM</i>
F (0-7)	8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:36:31 PM</i>
N/A	9	Establish a season limit of five king salmon from October 1–April 30 (<i>Proposal 9 will be heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting, February 7-19, 2020</i>).	<i>No deliberation.</i>
C (7-0)	10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:42:52 PM</i>
F (1-6)	11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:45:18 PM</i>
F (0-7)	12	Reduce the sport fish bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:49:12 PM</i>
F (0-7)	13	Establish a season limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:55:18 PM</i>
<i>Definitions, Guide Services, and Emergency Order Authority (3 proposals)</i>			
N/A	14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (<i>Proposal 14 will be heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting</i>).	<i>No deliberation.</i>
N/A	15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (<i>Proposal 15 will be heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting</i>).	<i>No deliberation.</i>
C (6-1)	282	Extend emergency order authority to restrict stocked waters to no retention in times of low hatchery production or stocked waters contamination.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 1:58:28 PM</i>



GROUP 2: LOWER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING, AQUATIC PLANTS, SALMON HATCHERIES AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (14 proposals)			
<i>Personal Use and Subsistence (5 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 2:41:28 PM</i>
C (7-0)	17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 2:52:51 PM</i>
C/A (7-0)	18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (<i>Substituted with language found in RC41</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 3:24:12 PM</i>
C/A (7-0)	19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (<i>Substituted with language found in RC42</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 3:31:27 PM</i>
C/A (4-3)	20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (<i>Substituted with language found in RC43</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 3:37:58 PM</i>
<i>Aquatic Plants (2 proposals)</i>			
See Page 5 (Other board actions)	21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in Cook Inlet (<i>The board delegated authority to the department to consider and adopt regulations</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 3:46:35 PM</i>
N/A	241	Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area (<i>Proposal 241 will be heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting</i>).	<i>No deliberations</i>
<i>Salmon Hatcheries and Special Harvest Areas (7 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 3:58:40 PM</i>
N/A	23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (<i>The board found it lacked statutory authority and took no action</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 4:41:55 PM</i>
F (2-5)	24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 4:50:22 PM</i>
N/A	25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 26.50' N. latitude (<i>The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposer under RC49</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 5:07:59 PM</i>



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F (2-5)	26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 5:08:58 PM</i>
F (0-7)	27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 5:13:09 PM</i>
C (7-0)	28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas.	<i>Meeting 12-12-19: 5:18:32 PM</i>
GROUP 3: FISHING DISTRICTS, CLOSED WATERS, SEASONS AND SEINE SPECIFICATIONS, KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND GROUND FISH AND HERRING (17 proposals)			
<i>Fishing Districts, Closed Waters, Seasons and Seine Specifications (8 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 8:34:57 AM</i>
C (7-0)	30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 8:39:23 AM</i>
F (2-5)	31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 8:46:36 AM</i>
N/A	32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (<i>The board took no action based on the proposers request to withdraw the proposal under RC26</i>).	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 8:51:04 AM</i>
F (2-5)	33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 8:51:30 AM</i>
F (0-7)	34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 9:02:20 AM</i>
C (7-0)	35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 9:06:17 AM</i>
F (0-7)	36	Prohibit the retention and sale of king salmon greater than 28" in length by commercial purse seine permit holders in the Southern District of Lower Cook Inlet.	<i>Meeting 12-13-19: 9:10:45 AM</i>
<i>King Salmon Management Plan (2 proposals)</i>			
N/A	37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (<i>Proposal 37 will be heard at Kodiak Finfish, January 11-14, 2020, and heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting</i>).	<i>No deliberations</i>



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N/A	38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (<i>Proposal 38 will be heard and deliberated on at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting</i>).	No deliberations
Groundfish and Herring, and Aleutian Islands Groundfish (7 proposals)			
N/A	39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (<i>Proposal 39 will be heard and deliberated on at the Kodiak Finfish meeting</i>).	No deliberations
C (7-0)	40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries.	Meeting 12-13-19: 9:16:21 AM
C/A (7-0)	41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (<i>Substituted with language found in RC27</i>).	Meeting 12-13-19: 9:20:47 AM
C/A (7-0)	42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (<i>Substituted with language found in RC28</i>).	Meeting 12-13-19: 9:23:57 AM
C (7-0)	43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery	Meeting 12-13-19: 9:27:33 AM
N/A	44	Amend the <i>Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan</i> to remove restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (<i>Proposal 44 will be heard and deliberated on at the Kodiak Finfish meeting, January 11-14, 2020</i>).	No deliberations
C/A (7-0)	278	Designate the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod (<i>Substituted with language found in RC46</i>).	Meeting 12-13-19: 9:58:35 AM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 12-13-19" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

- 1) **Seldovia Salmon Amount Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence.** Based on the information provided in [RC4](#) and [RC31](#), the board adopted new regulation 5 AAC 01.566(g) establishing an amount reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence uses of salmon in Seldovia. The board selected Option 1 from RC4, 100-350 salmon, as the ANS. Meeting 12-12-19:
2:59:51 PM

- 2) **Delegation of Authority to the Department to Adopt Regulations for the Commercial Harvest of Aquatic Plants.** The board approved by Meeting 12-12-19:
3:46:35 PM



unanimous consent to delegate authority to the ADF&G to consider and possibly adopt regulations for the commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area. The delegation is under [297-19-FB](#).

Miscellaneous Business ([RC53](#)):

- 1) **Board Generated Proposal #1– Aleutian Islands Commercial Groundfish Fishery.** The board accepted [RC52](#) as a board generated proposal and scheduled it for the Kodiak Finfish meeting, January 11-14, 2020. *Meeting 12-13-19:
10:42:39 AM*

- 2) **Seward Advisory Committee Appreciation.** Members Diane Dubuc and Jim McCracken, from the Seward Advisory Committee, thanked the board for agreeing to hold the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting in Seward. *Meeting 12-13-19:
10:54:27 AM*

- 3) **Scheduling for the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan Committee.** The board agreed to hold the next committee meeting March 12, 2020, in Anchorage following the Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting. *Meeting 12-13-19:
10:56:25 AM*

- 4) **Hatchery Committee Agenda Items.** The board discussed potential hatchery committee agenda items for the March 7 committee meeting. Members of the board discussed possible agenda items including cost recovery, the hatchery budgeting process, and the board’s legal authorities. The board asked Boards Support to seek additional agenda items through the public comment system for additional review at the Kodiak Finfish meeting. *Meeting 12-13-19:
10:59:43 AM*

- 5) **Agenda Change Request clarification.** Executive Director Haight explained confusion over the agenda change request process and asked to strengthen the information available to the public. The board asked him to provide draft language in the agenda change request instructions and bring it to the board for approval. *Meeting 12-13-19:
11:09:52 AM*

- 6) **Scheduling a Joint Protocol Committee Meeting.** Member Jensen asked Haight to contact the North Pacific Fishery Management Council regarding the potential scheduling of a Joint Protocol Committee meeting for the spring to discuss issues related to Pacific cod. *Meeting 12-13-19:
11:15:29 AM*

Meeting adjourned at 11:17am, December 13, 2019.